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Remarks

The present response is to the Office Action mailed the above-referenced case on December 23, 2005. Claims 1-21 are standing for examination. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 5-5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0115368 to inventor Wu, hereinafter Wu. The Examiner has indicated that claims 9-21 are allowed, and that claim 4 would be patentable if amended to include the limitations of the parent and any intervening claim.

According the applicant has amended claim 1 to add the limitation of claim 4, and has cancelled claim 4, providing amended claim 1 as a patentable claim as indicated by the Examiner. Claims 2, 3, and 5-8 are now patentable at least as depended from a patentable claim.

As all of the claims standing for examination are now patentable over the art of record, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, and that the present case be passed quickly to issue. If there are any time extensions needed beyond any extension specifically requested with this response, such extension of time is hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with this amendment, authorization is given to deduct such fees from deposit account 50-0534.

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